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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1,2.
 - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 3a,3b,3c,4,5.
 - The drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o)). See Figure(s) 1-5.
- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded

- in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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| EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED | | * Indicates |
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| See www.uspto.gov for complete FY 2003 | | fees remain |
| and FY-2004 Fee Schedules | | at FY 2003 |
| | | amount |
| DESCRIPTION | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| Basic filing fee - Utility | \$750 | \$770 |
| Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity) | \$375 | \$385 |
| Independent claims in excess of three | \$84 | \$86 |
| Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity) | \$42 | \$43 |
| Claims in excess of twenty | \$18 | \$18* |
| Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity) | \$9 | \$9* |
| Multiple dependent claim | \$280 | \$290 |
| Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity) | \$140 | \$145 |
| Surcharge - Late filing fee | \$130 | \$130 |
| Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity) | \$65 | \$65 |
| Design filing fee | \$330 | \$340 |
| Design filing fee (Small Entity) | \$165 | \$170 |
| Plant filing fee | \$520 | \$530 |
| Plant filing fee (Small Entity) | \$260 | \$265 |
| Reissue filing fee | \$750 | \$770 |
| Reissue filing fee (Small Entity) | \$375 | \$385 |
| Reissue independent claims | \$84 | \$86 |
| Reissue independent claims (Small Entity) | \$42 | \$43 |
| Reissue claims in excess of twenty | \$18 | \$18* |
| Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity) | \$9 | \$9* : |
| Provisional application filing fee | \$160 | \$160* |
| Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity) | . \$80 | \$80* |
| Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee | \$50 | \$50* |
| Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity) | \$25 | \$25* |
| Non-English Specification | \$130 | \$130* |
| Extension - First month | \$110 | \$110* |
| Extension - First month (Small Entity) | \$55 | \$55* |
| Extension - Second month | \$410 | \$420 |
| Extension - Second month (Small Entity) | \$205 | \$210 |
| Extension - Third month | \$930 | \$950 |
| Extension - Third month (Small Entity) | \$465 | \$475 |
| Extension - Fourth month | \$1,450 | \$1,480 |
| Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity) | \$725 | \$740 |
| Extension - Fifth month | \$1,970 | \$2,010 |
| Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity) | \$985 | \$1,005 |
| Petition | \$130 | \$130* |
| Processing returned checks | \$50 | \$50⁺ |

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